



# The CIAC Paddle

## Helping You Navigate the IA Continuum

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### Navy IA Sailor Top Focus Area #3 Afghanistan (AFG) Drawdown

*The most recent and future dynamic downsizing of U.S. personnel in Afghanistan will affect many IA Sailors. It is incumbent upon the CIAC and IA Sailor to stay abreast of any changes in the mission requirements and/or order modifications.*

#### **Boots-On-Ground**

**a) What is the AFG surge recovery/drawdown?**

- The President of the United States reduced forces in AFG down to pre-surge levels (Surge Recovery).
- Future force reductions are expected as the U.S. continues to drawdown the forces in AFG.

**b) What does AFG drawdown mean to IA Sailors?**

- Remissioning: Retasking of IA Sailors to a new job function and/or location.
- Early billet cancellation: Commander Task Force IA (CTF-IA) responds to the Operational Control (OPCON) chain-of-command and typically has little heads-up on early redeployment.
- Functions outside specialty: IA Sailors performing functions outside normal skill-set without the proper training (e.g., combat skills).
- If an IA Sailors billet is cancelled early, USFF will try to give the IA Sailor the opportunity to go to another requirement, if available.
- While remissioning is often acceptable, it is an indication that the sourced billet needs revalidation and/or cancellation and therefore should be reported to [NAVCENT FWD AFG](#).
- ANY remissioning that puts IAs or their supported units at risk due to inadequate training or equipping is not acceptable and should be reported immediately to [NAVCENT FWD AFG](#) for performing functions outside their specialty.

**c) What is CTF-IA headquarters?**

- CTF-IA has Administrative Control (ADCON) of Navy IA Sailors and is tasked with ensuring the proper usage and treatment of IA Sailors by the OPCON unit.
- ADCON: Direction or exercise of authority over subordinate or other organizations with respect to administration and support (FITREP/Evals, pay, orders, travel, awards, career counseling, etc.)
- Sailors must keep the Forward Headquarters (FWD HQ) informed when changes occur at the unit level (e.g., NAVCENT FWD AFG) so that CTF-IA can enforce proper tasking and safety of Navy IA Sailors.

**d) Questions: Email [CTF-IA](#) or [USFF IA Support](#).**

**e) For additional information visit [CTF-IA](#) website.**